

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

~~a plurality of indicators; device for communicating a packet, the device including a each of the plurality of sets of indicators being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols; and connection interface, the a plurality of devices associated with the plurality of indicators; being activated in response to detected protocols associated with the interface;~~

~~each device configured to:~~

~~receive a packet;~~

~~detect a first protocol associated with the packet;~~

~~cause the first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol;~~

~~detect a second protocol associated with the packet; and~~

~~cause the second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.~~

~~each set of indicators being in a different platform layer and each indicator in each set being associated with a different protocol operating within its respective layer; and~~

~~whereby, in response to a packet being communicated with the device, one or more protocols associated with the packet being detected and the detected protocol activating a respective indicator in a respective layer.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ device includes a router.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ device includes a switch.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ device includes a storage device.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~the device includes a network interface card.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the packet includes a first header and a second header, wherein ~~each~~the device is configured to detect the first protocol in response to the first header, and wherein ~~each~~the device is configured to detect the second protocol in response to the second header.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~the device includes at least one hardware component configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~each~~the device includes a program configured to detect the first protocol ~~and the second protocol~~.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program includes a device driver.
10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 ~~providing a plurality of indicators, each indicator being associated with a plurality of platform layers and a plurality of protocols; device for communicating a packet, the device including a~~providing a plurality of devices associated with the plurality of sets of indicators, each device configured for; associated with a connection interface, the
 ~~receiving a packet; detecting a first protocol associated with the packet; causing a first indicator to be activated in response to detecting the first protocol associated with the packet; detecting a second protocol associated with the packet; and causing a second indicator to be activated in response to detecting the second protocol associated with the packet, whereby the number of indicators depends on the number of protocols supported by each device.~~indicators being activated in response to detected protocols associated with the interface;
 providing each set of indicators in a different platform layer, each indicator in each set being associated with a different protocol operating within its respective layer;
 and

whereby, in response to a packet being communicated with the device, one or more protocols associated with the packet being detected and the detected protocol activating a respective indicator in a respective layer.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
detecting the first protocol in response to a first header included in the packet;
and
detecting the second protocol in response to a second header included in the packet.
12. – 22. (Canceled) A system comprising:
23. (Withdrawn). A device comprising:
an adaptor card;
a protocol indicator panel coupled to the card;
a plurality of sets of indicators included with the panel; and
each of the sets of indicators being associated with a different one of a plurality of platform layers including:
a transport layer;
a network layer;
a data link layer; and
a physical layer.
24. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the device transmits a packet.
25. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the device receives a packet.
26. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a router.
27. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a switch.
28. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a storage device.
29. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a network interface card.